Violation of FERA provisions by the Bank of Credit and Commerce International

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DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether FERA violations were detected between 1st January, 1987 to 31st December, 1988 by the Directorate of Enforcement Officers in respect of Bank of Credit and Commerce International and some other Indian and foreign banks and the cases were under investigation;

(b) if so, what are the details of the banks and the officials involved and what are the results of investigation; and

(c) what action has been taken against the officers and staff of the banks on the basis of investigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) A statement giving the details is enclosed

Statement

S. No.	Name of the Bank	Action taken under FERA
1	Bank of Credit & Commerce International, Bombay.	Adjudication proceedings have been completed resulting in imposition of penalties of Rs. 60,000/- on the Bank, Rs. 10,000/- each on Shri Krishna Murari and Vijaya Kapoor and Rs. 500/- each on Shri Jananesh Uppani and P. Ravindran. Besides seized amount of US$26.500/- T.C. of US$1,32,000/ and Rs. 17,00,057/- have been ordered to be confiscated.
2	American Express Bank, Bombay	Show Case Notices have been issued. Adjudication proceedings are pending.
3	State Bank of India, New Delhi.	One Show Cause Notice has been issued. Adjudication proceedings are pending.
4	United Bank of India, New Delhi	Show Cause Notices have been issued. Adjudication proceedings are pending. Prosecution has also been launched against the Bank and its officials; Delhi High Court has granted stay against the prosecution.

Investigation into violation of FERA cases

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 402 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to standardise the modalities of legal or quasi-judicial nature in investigations of FERA violation cases; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Mr. L. M. Thapar is to repartriate 11 crores as per assurance given to the Directorate of Enforcement and if so, how much amount has since been repatriated and if not, what action is proposed to be taken against him?

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